

## Green Gives A. F. of L. Support To Federal 30-Hour Week Measure

**Tells House Labor Committee That Enactment of Connery Bill Is Necessary to Provide Work for Millions Made Jobless by Labor-Displacing Machinery—Permanent Unemployed Army Threatens Domestic Tranquillity—Standard Wage Rate Must Be Maintained**

Washington—William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, gave the complete support of the Federation to the bill sponsored by Representative C. W. McNamara of Ohio, making the six-hour day and five-day week mandatory for employees in industry.

Testifying before the House Labor Committee which is considering the bill, Green said that the legislation was necessary to provide employment

playment for all who are ready, willing and able to work. This condition was brought about by two factors. The economic situation has made a very large contribution, but back of it all is the tremendous overproduction of industry that has been going on for two decades and which has gradually thrown men and women out of work."

Pointing out that reliable authorities declare that even though production

**Six-Day Work Must End**

"We cannot go along on the old basis of six days and eight or ten hours a day. The men are tired and I am of the opinion that even though we have the five-day week and six-hour day the men will be unemployed. We simply cannot find the men to work the six-day week opportunity to put them back. We are not going to do that. Consequently we must make these adjust-

The Crennery bill is similar to the six-hour day-and-five-day week bill sponsored in the Senate by Senator Black of Alabama, on which the Senate Judiciary Committee is holding hearings.

**Half the Population Affected**

Mr. Green told the committee he gave his own estimate of the number of persons affected. "We must shorten the work day and we must shorten the work week," he said. "We must shorten the work day and we must shorten the work week who are willing and ready to work."

**Domestic Peace Menaced**

"We must either face this situation constructively and bravely and do the thing that is required, or sit down and reconcile ourselves to living in a country where we must maintain a standing army of 1,000,000 men."

the personal and casual approval to the 30-hour week bill because of his knowledge of the unemployment situation now prevailing in the United States with

**Relief Machinery Breaking Down**  
"Another question is important. How long can we provide relief for these millions of unemployed? The representa-

"It is quite clear that we cannot continue to keep it up. Obviously, we can-

As a result of this, more people are becoming dependent."

**Building Workers Hit Hardest**

As an illustration of the tragedy of the unemployment situation, Mr. Green cited the building trades industry where

not maintain people permanently on a charitable basis. It is simply out of the question. And even if we could do it, it is socially wrong and morally indefensible from every standpoint."

**Maintain Wage Rate**

On the question of wages under the thirty-hour week, Mr. Green said the American Federation of Labor insisted that the rate of pay should be the same as before the reduction in hours. He added that while the six-hour day and five-day week under the Connery bill

**Machinists Scrap Workers**

"It is impossible under the distressing conditions that prevail to find em-

would be established by statute law, the wages paid union working men and women would be adjusted by collective bargaining. "Our position is," he said, "that there shall be no reduction in the standard rate of wages."

## Children Begin to Show Effects of Depression

the depression began are not telling the whole story, a report of the Brooklyn Bureau of Charities indicates.

In reporting that the bureau gave more relief in December than in any previous month of the bureau's existence, it stated:

"In Canada out of a population of ten million people we have 750,000 unemployed and an equal number who are working half time or less," declared W. V. Turnbull, fraternal delegate from the Trades and Labor Congress of

Canada, in an address to the delegates attending the recent convention of the American Federation of Labor at Cincinnati, Ohio.

"These statistics," Mr. Turnbull con-

Rochester, N. Y.—When leading contractors announced a 20 per cent pay reduction for all building trades, with the exception of plumbers and elec-

The contractors announced a wage scale of 89 cents an hour for painters

and carpenters add \$1 an hour for bricklayers. Union executives said their men accepted a 24 per cent reduction a year ago and that the new cut would total 46 per cent.

**Jacksonville Union Men**

the honest labor man. He does not feel at home when he is compelled to live on charity.

"But through our Trades and Labor Congress, with our approach to the seat of Parliament, we are laying before

## Get County Government Jobs

Jacksonville, Fla.—The newly-elected Duval County Commission recognized organized labor in their organization of

them year after year the demands of labor, and through the Congress we have secured much legislation that makes life easier for the labor men and gives them more protection in our Dominion."

### Strength of Canadian Unions

On the present condition of the Canadian trade union movement, Mr. Turnbull said:

"Our membership has fallen off to some extent, but at the last Trades and Labor Congress we were able to seat 234 delegates, who represented associated

"All of the appointees are well known in the ranks of organized labor and have been active members of the Political Labor League," according to the Labor Journal, the official publication of the CIO.

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Harrisburg, Pa.—More than 9,000 checks of varying amounts totaling nearly \$2,100,000 were mailed by the State Workmen's Insurance Fund in 1932 to victims of industrial accidents, their widows and children or other dependents.

pendents, L. B. Ainsworth, chief of the claim division, reports. In fatal cases, more than 900 widows, nearly 2,600 children and 340 mothers and fathers, who might otherwise have been left dependent on charity received compensation amounting to a total of \$665,217, in addition to funeral expenses.

**Printers Reject Pay Cut**

Boston.—Boston Typographical Union No. 15, at a special meeting, rejected a reduction of 12 cents a day, because

in basic hourly rates of newspaper printers. "We are speaking for the entire labor element."